

Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I am OPPOSED to HB No. 5653 (LCO No. 2209) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

HB-5653 is unjustifiable as it seeks to punish law-abiding gun owning citizens for the actions of criminals.

HB-5653 is unreasoned because criminals are unable buy ammunition in Connecticut without a Connecticut issued permit. No permit, no ammo.

HB-5653 will make it financially harder for people already struggling in our high cost of living State to own and train properly and directly discriminate against minority legal permitted carriers.

Gun owners already pay tax on ammunition purchases via the Pittman -Roberts Act Tax on top of Connecticut Sales Tax! I have heard this tax referred to as a sin tax; but my constitutional right to not be infringed to bear arms is not a sin, it's a right granted by our forefathers.

HB-5653 is yet another anti-gun scheme to inflict financial damage on law-abiding gun owners.

I implore you to OPPOSE HB No. 5653.

Sincerely,

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